



St. Cecilia's School

Virtual Reopening Guide

for

2021 – 2022

School Year



Mrs. Claudette Rolle

Message from the Director of Catholic Education

August 24, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As we approach the 2021 – 2022 school year The Catholic Board of Education continues to closely monitor all emerging information regarding COVID-19 and the impact of the delta variant.

Currently, there are three models that schools use to facilitate teaching and learning. These include face-to-face or in-person instruction, hybrid or blended learning and virtual or remote learning. Face-to-face or in-person instruction is similar to the traditional form of teaching where students and teachers are engaged in teaching and learning on campus. Hybrid or blended learning is a combination of face-to-face and remote learning. Virtual or remote learning is similar to the method used during lockdowns.

At this time the decision has been made to engage in remote learning at all grade levels (Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 12) for the opening of the academic year. This decision was made, in consultation with The Ministry of Education and The Ministry of Health, based on the increase in the number of COVID-19 cases locally especially among the younger population.

All schools will reopen virtually for full day classes September 6, 2021. Orientation dates and times for each grade level will be communicated by individual schools. Timetables for the remote learning models have been drafted and will also be shared by each school.

CBE recognizes that the face-to-face model is the preferred and most effective means of teaching. As soon as we can safely do so we will resume hybrid and face-to-face learning. In preparation for our return to face-to-face learning all classrooms have been configured to adhere to the physical distancing policy outlined by The Ministry of Education. Class sizes have been reduced and seats are limited.

Thank you for your cooperation as we strive to create the safest environment possible for your children to learn. May God continue to bless and keep you.

Sincerely,

Claudette A. Rolle (Mrs.)
Director of Catholic Education



Message from the Principal



Mrs. Denise Cooper Louis

My Fellow Strikers,

We all know that schools play an important role in any community. We not only provide a safe environment for our students to receive instruction, but we also provide emotional support for them. In March of 2020, we were forced to change our mode of instruction. At that time, we thought it was going to be a temporary undertaking. For safety reasons it was necessary to fully embrace distance learning. In January of 2021 we utilized the hybrid method of instruction. However due to the rise in COVID- 19 cases, it is necessary that we once again open the 2021 – 2022 school year with distance learning at all grade levels.

Even though, we will start this year in a virtual environment, away from the physical “Jewel of the Grove”, our love and commitment to you, our school family, remains the same! As always, we will strive to do what is best for all of our stakeholders. As soon as we can safely return to school – and we will do so - be assured of our promise to provide quality education to our students.

My constant prayer is that we all remain safe as we navigate our new normal!



Learning Experience



- Classes will be delivered virtually via Google Classroom at the beginning of the school year until it is deemed safe to return to face to face classes.
- Students should have in their possession the appropriate device. Recommended devices are:
 - Samsung Galaxy Tab A8.0" (2019) with S Pen SM-P200
 - Samsung Galaxy Tab A 10.1" (2019, Wi-Fi Only)
 - Samsung Galaxy Tab A 10.1" (T510) 32 GB Wi-Fi Tablet Silver
 - Samsung Chrome book 4
 - Apple iPad (10.2-inch, Wi-Fi, 32GB) – Gold with Apple pen
 - Dragon Touch K10 Tablet, 10 inch Android Tablet with 16 GB Quad Core Processor
 - Lenovo Tab 4 Plus, 8" Android Tablet, 64-bit Octa-Core Snapdragon**Devices Not Recommended**
 - Amazon Fire or Kindle
- The CBE Guidance Counselling Department will ensure structures are in place to support the social, emotional and mental well being of students, faculty, staff and families.



Google Classroom Rules/Manners



When you participate in the Google Classroom setting remember that this is a formal class conducted online. You are expected to conduct yourself with the following classroom manners:



- Create a quiet place from which you will work.
- Dress appropriately. No spaghetti straps, tube tops, pajamas, tee-underwear or singlets are to be worn during screen time.
- Hair must be properly groomed
- If for any reason, other persons are in the background, please ensure that they are appropriately attired.
- Be prepared. Organize your space before signing on to Google Classroom.
- Be on time for homeroom at 9:00 a.m. and 12noon (Kgn) and 2:00 p.m. (Gr.1 6) daily.
- Sign into the session during the scheduled time.
- Keep other devices off during class time.
- No interrupting while a speaker is speaking.
- Mute your microphone when you enter the classroom and when someone is speaking.



Google Classroom Rules/Manners



- You can also make a comment in the 'add comment' or 'chat' section of the screen for the speaker/teacher to see and respond.
- Be respectful and kind when making comments. Take a minute to read your comments before posting them.
- Unmute your microphone when the speaker gives you permission to speak.
- Questions or comments should be related to the lesson or assignment.
- Speak clearly at your normal volume.
- Be an active listener. Give thumbs up 👍 or down 👎 to points made.
- Keep eye contact with the speaker on the monitor unless you are taking notes.
- Do your best on assignments and turn them in to the teacher on the due dates.
- Respect privacy. No photos or screen shots.
- Exit Google Meet when the teacher tells the class to do so.
- We are all in this together. Let us be our best!



Homework & Quizizz

- Homework due dates will be given. Deductions will be given for late assignments.
- Please complete Quizizz during the allotted time. **Once the Quizizz link has expired it will not be reset.**



Reasons for Removal from Class

- Inappropriate dress
- Parent/Guardian disruptions
- Student's inappropriate behavior



Reopening of School

Google Classroom Training

Weekly Timetable

School Reopening

School will officially commence with virtual/remote learning on
Monday, September 6, 2021

Orientation Schedule for students:

Grades K – 6 September 6, 2021

Weekly Timetable

Kindergarten: 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 Noon.

Grades 1- 6: 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Subjects offered are Mathematics, Language Arts
(includes Corrective Reading), Religion, Social Studies,
Science, Music, Information Technology, Spanish, Art and
Physical Education

Specific class schedules will be given in your child's
Google Classroom Orientation Session on

September 6, 2021



School Fee Payment Options

Students will not have access to Google School if fees, or installment fees for first term and outstanding arrears are not paid.

First term fees were due on June 30, 2021

with the following payment options:

- ON LINE BANKING (First Caribbean Bank or Royal Bank)
- THIRD PARTY ONLINE TRANSFER from any commercial bank
- RCANB Special Catholic School account – 112617 transit #**09786** if you are sending the **payment from your bank () to FCIB**
- RCANB Catholic Education Center account # – 2897445 – transit #05745 if you are sending the **payment from your bank () to RBC.** Both are checking accounts.

Please be sure to place the child's name and grade on the payment slip

- CREDIT CARD (at Catholic Education Centre – West Hill Street)
- FIRST CARIBBEAN (Be sure to collect the fee slip from the school's office **BEFORE** going to the bank to pay over the counter)

Please send copies of the payment receipt to asands@cec.edu.bs or dlouis@cec.edu.bs or 825-8866.



COVID-19 Prayer of Solidarity



Prayer of Pope Francis during the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of resurrection.

Amen